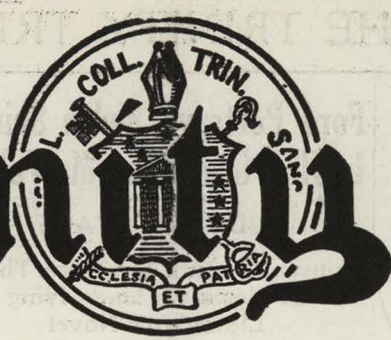


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## Mermen Seek Second Win of Season; Strong Coast Guard Invasion Expected Saturday

## Exams Take No Toll; Team At Top Strength for Its Third Meet

### CADETS WIN OPENER

## Rout Worcester in Initial Meet; Ex-Trin Ace Leads Little Navy Here Saturday

With mid-year exams finished, Coach Joe Clarke heaves a sigh of relief, and again puts in some concentrated practice before the next varsity swimming meet this Saturday. At this time, the Trinity mermen will take on the very versatile Coast Guard Academy, and are going to have their hands full. The meet, scheduled to begin at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in our home pool, will be Trinity's third meet of the year with five more to go before the season is complete. Trin's team, which is especially promising this year, won its first meet by swamping Boston University with a score of 50-25; and lost its second meet to Williams by a single counter, the final score being 37-38. Paced by Captain Morhardt, the team is in fine condition and is ready to give a good account of itself Saturday.

### Cadets Strong

The Coast Guards have had but one meet so far this year, which was easily won from Worcester Tech by a count of 58 to 17. As yet, little is known about the team, except that it is relatively strong. Bob Adams, a former Trinity swimming ace, is now starring for the Coast Guard outfit in the distance events, being a good 440 man. The Senior Class graduated last December, which took away a few of their stars. How much of a difference this will make in their strength and line-up is still to be seen.

Coach Joe Clarke was unable to predict any outcome because he knew

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### FOURTH FACULTY TEA

On Sunday, February 8, the Fourth Faculty tea will be held in Cook dining hall between 4 and 5.30. The faculty committee takes pleasure in inviting all students to attend. The committee includes Mrs. Hughes, chairman, Mrs. Lathrop, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Kriebel, Professor Adams, Professor Starr, Professor Chandler, and Professor Naylor.

## Weigert Sees Change In German Leadership

### ARMY RULE LIKELY

## College Guest Strong Believer in "Geopolitik" as Basis For Political Plans

"The importance of Geopolitik as a new science and a new secret weapon of Hitlerism has been greatly exaggerated," said Dr. Hans Weigert, professor at Hiram College, Ohio, speaking before the new Causes for the War class. Dr. Weigert, guest at the college for part of the week, spoke several times before Trinity undergraduate audiences during his stay here, each time touching on a different phase of the same question—war.

### Authority on "Geopolitik"

Professor Weigert, former professor of the University of Bonn in Germany, is an authority on the doctrine of "Geopolitik," the belief that the politics and policies of the world's nations should depend upon their geographical position. The leaders in the German Reich and in the Geopolitik movement, Rudolf Hess, now a British prisoner, Professor General Karl E. K. Haushofer, and Professor Ewald Herman August Banse had all, it is commonly believed, strongly advised Chancellor Hitler not to attack the U. S. S. R. The leaders of the "Geopolitik" movement were also the leaders of the revenge idea in Germany between the falls of 1918 and 1939. Professor Weigert, a strong believer in the Geopolitik idea, served Ger-

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# Athletic Department Revises Spring Sports; Taylor Reveals Plans for Trial Blackout Soon

### MOCK AIR RAID

## Wardens Completing Preparation For Both Day and Night Drills Within Week

Professor E. Taylor, in charge of Air Raid Precautions, has announced tentatively that trial blackouts will be held here on the Hilltop soon, possibly before this Saturday, February 7. Cards explaining Air Raid Instructions have been placed in every dormitory, every fraternity room, and in all of the classrooms on the campus. Official approval of Trinity's Air Raid Precaution work is awaited from the coordinator of the Air Raid Precaution Defense of Hartford.

### Total Blackout

Plans are being made to have a total blackout and assembling in the air raid shelters during a night drill and a similar test of the system in a day-drill coming during class hours. Eccleston Johnson, student co-chief of the system, will have charge of the shelter in the crypt chapel; Ned Dexter, also student chief, will direct the precaution work from the Chemistry Building and Woodward Dormitory shelters. They and the ARP Wardens of the individual sections will not seek the protection of the shelters save for the duty of counting the number of students within their responsibility. They must be on the alert for incendiary bombs, and ready for evacuation of their "dependents" in case of unexploded bombs landing nearby.

### Practical Experience

As much as possible the Trinity System is profiting by the results of practical first-hand experience under actual fire. Here is a description which Dr. Smith, a trained Air Raid Warden, gave of the characteristics and duties of a warden:

"He is a connecting link between the civilians and the official organizations such as doctors, firemen, and police. He must know all, be all, see all, and do everything after the bombing, or 'incident', until the organized services arrive. Then he obeys them. When the alarm is sounded he must stop traffic, urge civilians to seek safety in shelters, exact a blackout in all cases, and finally help himself by finding cover, though not in the regular shelters. If a bomb is dropped, he has to report accurately and con-

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## Inter-Faith Broadcast Plea For Living, Vital Religion

Religion's role in life, a definition of religion, and a plea for a world based on brotherly love were the major points of discussion on Friday evening's radio program. The broadcast took the form of an Inter-Faith discussion on "The Role of Religion in the World Today." The speakers were Mr. Lewis Fox, representing the Jewish faith, an active leader in the Inter-Faith movement; Rev. Father Joseph Griffin, President of St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield; and Rev. Craig Whitsitt, pastor of the Fourth Congregational Church in Hartford.

Mr. Fox emphasized the fact that religion should always be a living and vital part of life, and should not have to wait for a crisis before people turned to it. Father Griffin's attack was a bit different in that it was a defense of the existence of religion, while Mr. Whitsitt closed the program

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### TRINITY CALENDAR

February 3, 7.45 p. m.:

Connecticut Historical Society meeting. Paper by Professor Means on "The First Puritan."

February 4, 8.30 a. m.:

Professor Myers to speak in morning Chapel.

February 4, 12.30 p. m.:

Executive Committee Meeting of Trustees.

February 5:

Meeting of Philadelphia Alumni in Philadelphia.

February 7, 3 p. m.:

Swimming vs. Coast Guard, here. Varsity Squash vs. Amherst, away.

February 8, 4 p. m.:

Student-Faculty Tea in Cook Dining Hall.

Chapel Service at 8, 11 and 5 o'clock.

Daylight Saving Time in effect 12 midnight.

## Squash Team Expects Strong Resistance from Lord Jeffs

### Weisenfluh to Play No. 1 Spot; Puffer Rapidly Improving

The Varsity squash team is scheduled to bat it out with Amherst this Saturday afternoon in its second official tourney of the season. It is expected that the team will make a good showing with No. 1 man, Weisenfluh, chalked up to play this time. He did not compete in the Wesleyan match. This may rightly be considered a real disadvantage in the first game of the season and probably had considerable effect on the final 5-0 defeat registered against Trinity.

Coach Dan Jessee reports that not much is known of the Amherst opponents but that they can be counted on to put up strong resistance. It is his hope that the team will avenge the 4-1 defeat suffered last year.

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### More Intercollegiate, Intramural Sports Advocated

### OOSTING CONFORMS

## Students Urged to Participate in All College Sports as Wise Health Measure

The College Physical Education Association at its 45th Annual Convention held in Detroit, December 30 and 31, 1941, discussed with representatives of the Army and Navy the vital importance of physical fitness in the present crisis. These meetings were attended by members of the Physical Education Department of Trinity College who are endeavoring to co-operate in a nation-wide program to secure a general improvement in the physical qualifications of College men.

### Army Recommendations

Here are some of the recommendations made by representatives of the Nation's Armed Forces meeting with the College Physical Education Association:

1—That the Physical Education program be placed on a five days-a-week basis for four years for all men (three times weekly as a minimum).

2—That the programs of intramural activities, inter-collegiate athletics and Physical Education be broadened and intensified.

3—That a complete service of medical examination be extended to all students, that the follow-up work, including the correction of remediable defects be made a part of the program.

4—That timely and vital courses, such as first aid, and life-saving, personal hygiene, including military and social hygiene, be given.

Furthermore, that the Physical

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## Fascinating New Course Demonstrates New Techniques to Applauding Crowds

Before a wildly applauding crowd of undergraduates estimated conservatively at more than two hundred, Messrs. Walter McCloud, Daniel Jessee, and Raymond Oosting laid bare last Thursday the True Facts of the Flying Squadron Plan, and in addition flavored their several talks with demonstrations of useful and interesting first aid techniques. The popularity of this fascinating new course was clearly demonstrated at its very inception, when only seven freshmen were observed to walk out when it was announced that no physical violence would be exerted to retain them. Further, it was later found that said yearlings retired only because, as one significantly stated, "I loathe the sight of blood."

In his preliminary remarks, Mr. McCloud revealed the intricate but undoubtedly effective, organization of the Flying Squadrons, which are not, as previously suspected, aerial, but rather vehicular groups of brothers of mercy. A definite caste system, headed by a Captain, satellited by Lieutenants, Sergeants, and recruits, will be the order of the duration. On a pre-arranged emergency signal, he elucidated, the Captain will call up his Lieutenants, the Lieutenants their Sergeants, and so on, until the entire big happy squadron is mobilized and

ready for extraordinary duty. (A voice who suggested that the plan be retitled the "Round Robin System" at this juncture was promptly silenced by the master-at-arms.)

While the specific functions of the Squadrons when thus gathered are obscure, it is generally conjectured that they will be employed by the civil authorities to practice their clinical duties in local hostels and taprooms, where relief work will be more congenial. It was further announced at this time that members of Professor Dadourian's mathematics classes will be required to include in their first aid equipments copies of their text, inasmuch as there may be time between cases to study for the Professor's special post-emergency quizzes.

The various lecturers continued after these pronouncements with short, pertinent orations on the ethics of first aid. While the teachers spoke too rapidly for comprehensive notes to be taken, several pressure points were stressed. It was, for example, the universal agreement of the meeting that cessation of breathing and heart-beat were not necessarily to be construed as evidence of expiration. Indeed, such symptoms should act only as stimulants to prospective physicians. Moreover, the thought that all

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## Mutt Flees Coop as Leader of People, Dog Catcher Have Slight Altercation

Local item: Chang, popular collie, formerly of Vernon Street, has taken up residence in the country.

This is a polite way of informing the populace that Chang, one year old scion of the college section, has been exiled. It was more or less of a voluntary exile, "until, as he says, 'the heat's turned off.'"

Now, some of you may be slightly perplexed when he speaks of heat at this time of year. He is speaking of an entirely different kind of heat. You see, Chang, being an ardent devotee of Benjamin Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanac," was given to the theory that "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Chang was healthy, tolerably wealthy (so they say), but not very wise (or "smart", as we put it today).

In arising early and taking brisk morning constitutionals, with religious stops at each hydrant along the way, Chang liked the people to know what a beautiful morning it was, and so came forth with short but loud vocal exercises. The people did not respond in kind and, led by an eminent state official (the English professor), attempted to apprehend poor Chang as "a public menace."

When an official for disposing such public menaces came around, Chang,

who isn't so dumb as animals are supposed to be, put himself momentarily out of circulation. His would-be nemesis, whom we know by the title of "dog-catcher", decided to take the rest of the day off. But the eminent state official, leader of the people, demanded that the search continue. "And who the hell are you?" asked the dog-catcher in the simplest term he could find.

"I am the Lieutenant-Governor."

This is very disconcerting, both to dog-catchers who aren't used to running into Lieutenant-Governors, and Lieutenant-Governors who aren't usually asked who the hell they are. However, each seemed to be as satisfied as he could under the circumstances and the interview came to an end. The dog-catcher went home.

But Chang feels that it's more peaceful in the country. This is a blow, nevertheless, to the prestige of the Vernon Street Canine Four Hundred. Speaking for his group, Buz, outstanding leader, who resides at the Sigma Nu house, says, "Chang is a great dog. He will go far—as a matter of fact, come to think of it, the farther he goes, the better." Perhaps Buz is a bit overly influenced, for only since the exodus of Chang has he been able to corner the bone market completely.



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## NYA OR WPA?

Our attention has been called several times in the past few weeks to the inefficiency of the NYA messengers on duty at the college post office. Important special delivery letters and telegrams have been put in mail boxes or left on the rack to be received hours or days later if at all. In times like these, when every student's plans are subject to sudden changes due to the war, with several of us subject to service in the Army or Navy on twenty-four hours' notice, it is vital that messages get to their destination with a minimum of delay. There is no excuse for this inefficiency on the part of NYA employees entrusted with the communications of a nation at war. A job of this sort, perhaps considered a service in peacetime, becomes a duty in time of war.

## TRIVIALITIES

We wish to call attention to the action on the part of the student-faculty committee on Air Raid Precautions, stipulating that any student tampering in any way with air raid equipment or notices is liable to expulsion. Professor Taylor feels that the student body is taking all the plans for national defense too lightly and hopes by the threat of stringent punishment to instill into the students a realization of the graveness of the present situation.

We feel that Mr. Taylor is completely justified in his analysis of the character of the Trinity student and that the end in view justifies the regulation. However, we feel that in applying the rule to cover cases in which air raid regulation cards are mutilated, the committee is carrying a good thing too far. We grant that it is to the individual's interest to preserve the cards, but we believe that Mr. Taylor is using the wrong psychology in dealing with an abstract situation.

The consideration is petty and of minor importance; the point is picayune and trivial. We feel that the Air Raid Precautions Committee is making a mountain out of a molehill.

## THE SOLUTION AT LAST?

The new financial set-up of the Jesters may well prove to be the long-sought answer to their most pressing problem—that of student attendance at their productions. Under this new plan the Senate grants the Jesters the sum of fifty cents per student, or roughly \$250. In return each student will receive one free ticket to the spring performance. In a way it is regrettable that the problem has to be solved in this manner. It is too bad that enough undergraduate support could not be aroused in some purely voluntary way. But obviously this was the only solution for the Jesters, long discouraged by pitifully inadequate student response. Let us hope that this arrangement will result in the kind of undergraduate support that the Jesters have so long deserved.

## Ford Portrays Welsh Spirit In 'How Green Was My Valley'

### PIDGEON STARS

Unusual Picture Captures Theme Of Nostalgia Underlying Llewellyn's Novel

By Morgan Gleszer

Only too seldom does Hollywood succeed in transferring the underlying theme and spirit of a novel to the silver screen. "Rebecca," "The Citadel," and "The Grapes of Wrath" proved to be exceptions to this unfortunate rule.

Happily, "How Green Was My Valley" is another exception—and an exceedingly fine one it is. Richard Llewellyn's tender and nostalgic story of the recollections of Huw Morgan of his childhood in one of the small mining towns nestled in the green valleys of Wales is an eloquent and at all times—to speak figuratively—a "moving" picture.

The title itself is symbolic of the story's theme: the green valley symbolizes the happy youth of Huw Morgan. Later when it has become blackened and begrimed by the slag heaps from the mines, the valley represents the end of an era in Huw's life which he can only recreate through his memory. Much credit is due to the superb direction of John Ford, already well known for such directorial efforts as "The Informer" and "The Grapes of Wrath." He has succeeded admirably in retaining the delicate strain of wistful recollection, of detachment which so definitely characterized the book.

The colorful Welsh atmosphere of the novel has been faithfully recreated in the film and is one of its most charming features. The hardiness and spiritual strength of these people, together with their affectations and weaknesses, are so vividly portrayed, that the film does not merely resolve itself into being a day-by-day account of the lives of these Welsh people. It becomes a cross-section of life anywhere and at any time. Their emotions: their joy, their tribulations are indeed universal.

The cast was chosen with the utmost care and every character is portrayed with distinction and finesse. Donald Crisp as Huw's gruff yet loving father, Walter Pidgeon as the idealistic minister, Maureen O'Hara as the fragile Angharad, Barry Fitzgerald in an all too small role as the beer-guzzling fight promoter—each and everyone are admirably adapted to their characterizations.

However, in our opinion, it is the performances of Sara Allgood as Huw's mother, and of the remarkable child actor Roddy MacDowell that stand out most prominently, if that is possible, in such a well coordinated cast. Miss Allgood conveys in the most subtle manner the overwhelming grief of a mother who finds her family breaking up around her, while at the same time being the high-spirited and strong willed mother of the novel. Roddy MacDowell is the perfect embodiment of all the shyness and awkwardness of the youthful Huw. He possesses the most expressive eyes of any child actor we have yet seen, and—which is far more important—knows how, when, and where to use them.

There is only one criticism that can be made of the picture as a whole, and it is due to no one's fault except possibly that of the author. As a book, "How Green Was My Valley" was decidedly a series of quite unattached episodes in the lives of the Morgan family. This lack of dramatic cohesion becomes, inevitably, all the more apparent in the screen adaptation. There is no beginning, no climax, no end—merely a long succession of incidents, dramatic in themselves, but leading to no definite goal.

However, this flaw—and we demure to call it one—does not detract from the nostalgic enchantment of the picture as a whole. We are fortunate indeed to be allowed to look in upon the lives of these hardy people: their unending zest for living, their indomitable courage seeps into our veins.



### Question of the Week

Who is the member of the "Tripe" who so ironically signs his copy "Indispensible" Smith?

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Wine, women, and song have long since been the ruin of mankind. A certain eminent Tripod editor suddenly realized this in a bar near Vassar. With the true spirit of reformation and rehabilitation, he resolved immediately to give up singing. We wonder if Ted Morrison could possibly do the same.

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The "Tripe's" own Dr. Gallup was bewildered last week while conducting a poll on the subject, "If Your Daughter Were a Boy and Vice Versa, Would You Send He, She, or It to Trinity or Smith?" Some faculty wag answered, "To Connecticut University, of course. It's co-ed."

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### Well, Well, Well, Department

We note that the Connecticut "Citizen," published quarter-annually by the Connecticut Temperance Union has a Vice-President for each county except Middlesex County.

Mutiny?

## Office News

On Wednesday morning, February 4, Professor Myers will speak at the chapel services.

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The one hundredth anniversary of the Founding of the Beta Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon will be celebrated on February 11. During the anniversary ceremonies the Hon. Phillip J. McCook, a member of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, will speak.

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John E. Bierck, '17, was elected president of the Williston Academy Alumni Association of New York at the annual dinner meeting held recently at the Princeton Club in New York City. Mr. Bierck, a member of the editorial staff of the "New York Herald-Tribune," lives in Floral Park, Long Island. He was a member of Williston's class of 1913. At Trinity he was a member of The Tripod and "Ivy" boards, and belonged to the Alpha Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Williston Academy, in Easthampton, Mass., observed its centennial last June. George S. Stevenson, Hartford investment banker and a trustee of Trinity, is also a trustee of Williston.

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The United States Coast Guard is now offering a Reserve Officer training program comparable to the Naval Reserve program. The requirements are the same, and the courses, given at New London, last for three months. Those interested should see the Dean, or write to the Coast Guard Reserve Director, Customs House, Boston, Massachusetts.

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On Wednesday, February 11, a mass meeting will be held in the Chemistry Auditorium at 8.30 instead of the regular Chapel service. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the undergraduate body with the plans laid for air defense and blackouts. Joseph Beidler, president of the student body, and Mr. Oosting will be in charge of the meeting.

## Sports Sidelights

Miscellany: Dr. Stubing, Union professor who wrote a German text, received a letter from a bland Wesleyan student: "I am using your book, am having trouble with it, can find no translation, could you send me one?"... Nelson D. Rockefeller, Coordinator of Inter-American Relations, has announced a series of forums to include representatives of 700 colleges and universities. The plan has the backing of President Roosevelt.

Wesleyan recently held a poll on how to improve chapel conditions which showed interest in evening meditation services, more outstanding speakers (among whom was suggested Dr. Ogilby), more music, but no more emphasis on student participation. Four hundred students took part in the poll which shows more interest than would normally be expected.

Sports: If you think New York is noted for skyscrapers, take a look at the West Texas State Teachers' basketball team which averages 6 feet 6 inches... The University of Chicago hoop team is doing a good job of equalling the record of its late lamented football team. Probably chess will become a major sport next year... Funny that Harvard should suspend its freshman rule while none of the small colleges near here have seen it necessary to.

Here and There: Holy Cross will send a star entertainer from its student body to appear on Fred Allen's program March 4... University of California extension division has inaugurated a course in television... A Kansas State professor says to knock before entering a hen-house. The hens will respond by laying better... The University of Minnesota flying club has trained 400 flyers without a single mishap. Wendell Willkie will give the commencement address at Union this spring... For a real speed-up in national defense, Oberlin College offers a full course in two years eight months.

This and That: Twenty men on the present Wesleyan faculty served in the last war... Connecticut College knitters have produced 230 garments for the Red Cross drive... N. Y. U. has reached the football crossroads, football scholarships or not?... Professor Langsam of Union distinguished himself last week. He took attendance for the first time this year. Probably a defense measure... While the draft is worrying many men's colleges, Vassar lost seven students over vacation. They all got married.

Simmons feels that women's colleges should not speed up study as their situation is different from that of men's colleges... Princeton will keep its winter dance, but any profit goes to some emergency fund and students will have to get bored with the music of one orchestra instead of the usual two... Wesleyan's prom and spring dance are both out.

President Ogilby has received long letters from Timothy Lurcutt and Anthony Newton of last year's freshman class who returned last July to the British Isles in order to join in defense of their homeland. Newton is in training in the R. A. F., but reports difficulty in the matter of uniforms on account of his height. It seems that there was not a uniform his size in the whole British Isles. Lurcutt has been passed up by the R. A. F. on physical grounds, but is trying to get service in the Fleet air arm. In the meantime he is teaching in Brighton College Preparatory School. Both young men send greetings to their friends at Trinity and hope for letters. Their addresses are: A. Newton, Oaks Marple Bridge, Cheshire; T. Lurcutt, 4 Albany Villas, Hove Sussex.

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The chapel speakers for the Wednesday Chapel services for the month of February are as follows:

4—Professor Myers.  
18—(Ash Wednesday), the President.  
25—Mr. Lafore.



# Troxell Indefinite as to the Future of Garden Development on Lower Campus

## MIGHT AID GEOLOGY

Exalts the Parsnip as Panacea for Evils in Modern Society; Trin Must Economize

Professor Troxell denied reports today that he was planning to turn the lower end of the campus into a vegetable garden to aid Trinity in its national defense effort. "The soil," he said, "is much too poor for the purpose of gardening. I have looked into the possibility, but have found it inefficacious. That's a good word, don't you think?"

When pressed further for his reasons, Professor Troxell proceeded to describe the elements of a good soil. "The best natural soil is produced by the decomposition of orthoclase into kaolin, sand, and a potassium salt much needed by plant life in general. Of course there is always the necessity of nitrogen and certain alkali substances, but those are produced organically and are somewhat out of my field."

### Soil Is Poor

Professor Troxell then went on to describe the structure of the Trinity Ridge with its varying layers of trap rock and sandstone, the deposit of basalt opposite St. Anthony Hall, the building stone in the chapel, the peculiar type of rock which was used to make the altar, the deposit of loess which was accidentally discovered by Mr. Troxell himself when the chapel was being excavated—"very poor soil for growing things; might be used as a moulding sand. I'll have to look into that."

"But to get back to the vegetable garden," I said.

"Ah yes, the garden. I think it's a wonderful idea, don't you? I plan to grow an acre of parsnips—lovely yellow candied parsnips with lots of butter on them—delicious. Don't you think so?" I didn't, but I had no time to express my feelings.

"I'm taking this gardening idea up for one reason only. I want to find three more stones for my petra-phon. If I can do that, I can play the 'Star Spangled Banner.' I really think that all instruments should be able to play our national anthem in such critical times."

"Times are hard," he continued, "and food prices are booming. Anything which will help Trinity to train good officers is a worthy cause. That is the only reason that I am taking up my agricultural pursuits. I shall raise parsnips, or did I tell you that before? My theory is that the youth of today are not getting their necessary portion of parsnips. That vegetable makes a fine diet, don't you

think? The trouble with people today is that they do not get their proper share of parsnips. I shall put the whole area in parsnips."

"You know we can save a tremendous amount of money by planting the lower end of the campus. We've got to economize on account of the war. 'C'est la guerre', we used to say in France. That's French for 'it's the war'. When I was over there, I remember on the day that the armistice was signed, one bomb dropped so close that I could hear it whistle. We kept up a heavy fire right up until 11 o'clock, for we didn't want the Boche, those are the Germans, to think that we—"

"But Professor Troxell, have you any further plans about the garden?" Troxy turned blankly to me and asked, "What garden?"

# Natators at Full Strength To Meet Coast Guard Team

Coach Clarke Predicts a Close Contest If Opponents Have Their Usually Fine Squad

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so little about the opponent, but said, "It will be a close meet. We came through mid-year exams all right and will have our full strength out there Saturday." The cadets are always a stiff opponent, and the meet has the appearance of being one of the best this season.

As far as Coach Clarke could judge, a tentative line-up for Trinity would include the medley, Wamsley, Captain Morhardt, and Earle; 220, Tyler and Orfitelli; 50-yard, Bonee and Peabody; dives, Taylor and Fearing; 100 yards, Ohrenschall and Jones or Torrey; backstroke, Wamsley and Tamoney; 440, Orfitelli and Tyler; relay, Bonee, White, Earle, and Peabody.

# War Brings Many Problems to Farmers Of the Country and Their Daughters

Farsighted persons who realize that despite its tremendous manufacturing, the United States is still primarily an agricultural nation, have realized that the farmer's role in the war is a most vital one. Wars are won with men, machines, and fuel and a starving nation cannot produce machines or fuel any better than a starving army or navy can fight. It is with this in mind that we present a searching analysis of the wartime opinions of the people who may well be called "our basic defense workers."

The American farmer in forming his concepts of the war keeps in mind three basic topics, to wit: his farm, himself, and his daughter. Most American farmers have been farming the same tracts of land, or at least similar acreages, for what seems to the city dweller almost interminable periods of time. Therefore, if the farmers don't know what they're doing by now, they never will, and nothing that we can say will help them any. Due to his long periods of soil tilling, the farmer has in many cases gotten himself into a sort of slave-like rut and has to regard himself as secondary to the land. It would be fruitless, therefore, to discuss the farmer's opinions in relation to himself.

Having thus disposed of two bothersome subjects with all the finesse of a practiced prestidigitator, we come logically, and with considerable interest we might add, to the farmer's daughter. This modern edition of the milk-maid keeps in mind several factors when she considers the present situation:

(a) Production curtailment has taken many traveling salesmen off the road.

(b) Many local farm boys are now in the army, the navy, or a defense plant.

(c) The shortage of rubber threatens to drastically curtail her activities at the nearest pub, which might be many miles away.

(d) The season will more than likely be damn dull.

### Farmers' Hospitality

American folk-lore has linked inseparably the traveling salesman and the farmer's daughter. This fine tradition is a glowing tribute to the universal hospitality of the American farmer toward these poor unfortunates who earn their living far from their fireside and loved ones. It is a tradition to be looked upon with deep respect. Indeed, many instances of this hospitality have become legendary throughout the length and breadth of this land.

These tales have, however, considerably subdued the importance of the local farmer who generally, in one way or another, ends up by marrying the farm girl, providing she doesn't go off to the city in search of mink coats and diamonds. The reduction in the number of farm boys no doubt results in some great change in the farm girl's outlook.

Even the time-honored practice of going to the local inn, for square dancing, no doubt, has been set off by the tire shortage.

### What To Do?

So what would you do if you were in the position of these lonely females? Would you sit around and take it with a stoic certainty of knowing what was coming, like a Smith girl at an Amherst binge? No, you wouldn't. You wouldn't sit there night after night when you knew exactly what was coming, particularly if that something was nothing—if you follow me. No, no, you'd join the parade of sweet naive little things to the big city. And there gentlemen, is where we come in. We must all unite and do something about this grave farm crisis, mustn't we? You know it!

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# Theory of "Geopolitik" Is Discussed by Weigert

Geopolitik as an Idea of "Space Conception" Is Suggested by New German Professor

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many in various administrative capacities under the Weimar Republic, but left the country when the Hitlerian excesses became "overbearingly impossible." The others in this movement, Hess, Haushofer, and Banse are no longer connected with the government. Hess fled, and Haushofer and Banse have disappeared from the public eye. Another Geopolitiker, Grand Admiral Herman Boehm, was reported to have killed himself in the Grand Hotel at Oslo shortly after the departure of Hess from Germany. Boehm was a friend of Hess. If such reports be true, it would seem that the axe has fallen on the followers of the Geopolitik idea in Germany.

In continuing his Causes for the War talk, Professor Weigert said that Geopolitik is an idea of "space conception."

"The first important Geopolitik doctrine was the Monroe Doctrine. It was geopolitik, because it laid down a fundamental course of international political action in a section of the world."

### Russia a World Island

In speaking of Russia, Professor Weigert presented it as a "world island." From the Yangtze to the Volga, from the Arctic Circle to the Black Sea is a vast area of land which can be considered the key to the whole world. This "world island" lies between the Orient and the Occident and has absorbed qualities of each. Quoting from English-born Sir Holford McKinden, Professor Weigert stated that whoever rules the World Island rules the world. As this has always been the opinion of the Geopolitiks, that Russia was almost impregnable and, hence, must never be attacked, it follows that the geopolitik idea has been definitely scrapped in Germany.

"Geopolitik always has been mainly an army system," said Professor Weigert, "and it is the main reason for the German army's present-day efficiency. The system was not originally German, but it has become German by adoption."

"History has shown," the speaker continued, "that it is the fate of each revolution to fall and to be replaced by an army rule. And conditions in Germany today indicate that the fall of the Nazi leadership may be in the offing. The dismissal of Von Brauchitsch and the subsequent taking over of the German war machine by Hitler may be the prelude to the final act of Nazism. There is an extremely strong possibility that the party rule in Germany will be succeeded by an army rule."

## Trinity Formulates Air Raid Procedure

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cisely the location, type, damage done, and extent of casualties."

In organizing the precautions here at Trinity, the committee of Professor Taylor, Mr. Chaffee, Dexter, and Johnson has had to deal with an unique situation. In many instances precedents for action cannot be found in either rural or urban organizations. The questions of a suitable alarm or bell, the means of reporting bombs and casualties, and evacuation in case unexploded bombs fell on the campus, all are yet in discussion.

The emphasis is placed on coördination with the City of Hartford and with its blackout plans.

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# Sun Scares Several Silly Sabarites Back to Burrows

## GROUNDHOGS GROGGY

Reporter Fails to Prevent Six Weeks More Snow, Losing Race by a Tail

This Groundhog Day is becoming quite a problem. Every year it becomes increasingly tougher and tougher to take, and this year it's more tough than ever. Monday was sunny—in spots. Which means, of course, gentle reader, that there are to be 41 days, 23 hours and 60 minutes of Old Man Winter. As the story goes, if, when Mr. Groundhog, Mrs. Groundhog and all the little Groundhogs wake up for the first time and come out to feed, they see their shadow, they become inexpressibly frightened and retire in good order to the Groundhog domicile. What happens if they don't see their shadow doesn't interest us here, because the fact remains Old Sol was out yesterday, throwing shadows around with careless abandon. Of course, there may be a chance that the Groundhog family came into sight at one of the moments the sun was hiding its face in mortification at the thought of six more weeks of snow and slush, but the odds are against it.

### Basking in Sun

We browsed around Monday hoping we might meet a few Groundhogs and try to persuade them to stick around and not be afraid of their shadows. We found one basking comfortably in back of Boardman Hall, and dashing up to him we almost threw our arms around him in paroxysms of joy at finding him not afraid of the sun and his shadow.

"It's grand," we gushed, "to find you not afraid of your shadow. Doesn't this sun feel wonderful?"

"Hm," he said, looking at us as though we were some new species of insect he'd like to sample, "Hm?"

"Nice day, what?" we said, gaily, only slightly crestfallen by his obvious lack of interest.

Sighing he stood up, stretched and yawned, "Oh, yes, it's a nice day," and there pause, filled with impending doom, "but look."

### Alas, the Shadow

Slowly our gaze followed his pointing finger. There it was! That terrible shadow! And we could have sworn it was laughing at us.

"Oh, but of course you're not going to let that scare you, are you?" we gurgled, slapping him on the bi-swing back of his sport coat, and trying our best to impart an air of gay camaraderie and bonhomie. "You're too old and civilized for that sort of thing, y'know. Nice coat you have there, old horse."

"Thanks. Just had Slossberg make it up for me. But I'm afraid that shadow means six weeks more sleep for me."

"What!" we said, still unable to believe this man about town actually was going to follow through with such a silly superstition.

"Oh, yes," he said, stifling a yawn. "Fraid I'll have to go back to bed. Couldn't put the lie to such an old belief, and besides I'm still tired. Ho, hum." And he started to beetle off in the direction of a hole we spied on the horizon.

Vainly we galloped along beside him desperately trying to get him to change his mind. It was no use. He was adamant, and as he disappeared down into his domicile, he gave us a wave of the hand and a wink of the eye. "Isn't it nice I don't have to make any 8.30 English classes for the next six weeks, old horse?"

We could have cheerfully cut him up into pork chops.

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## Athletic Convention Stresses Importance Of Physical Fitness During Present Crisis

### Physical Education Program to Be Put on Five-Days-a-Week Basis Is Recommended

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Education department of the College coöperate in every way in organizing campus and local defense units.

Colleges all over the country are revising their programs in line with the above recommendations. Trinity does not plan at this time to require a four-year physical education program, but the college feels that all students, regardless of whether or not they have passed the Physical Education requirements, should do everything possible to keep physically fit. Additional classes are planned as outlined later in this article providing opportunities for every student to participate. The emphasis in all groups will be placed on body building sports and exercises.

The College Medical Director and members of the Physical Education Department have made plans in accordance with recommendation No. 3 pertaining to physical examinations. In the near future an opportunity will be afforded to all students for such an examination. Students often have remedial defects which they should know about and make efforts to correct.

#### First Aid Begun

The teaching of timely and vital courses as suggested in recommendation No. 4 has already started. Four sections of approximately fifty students each have started Red Cross First Aid Civilian Defense courses. Plans for another such course, Red Cross Life-Saving and Water Safety, will be announced soon. The elective course in Hygiene now being given by Dr. Swan will emphasize military and social hygiene. It is hoped that next year this course will be offered during both terms instead of just the Trinity Term.

#### Spring Sports Curtailed

The intercollegiate spring sports program at Trinity has been considerably altered. The Administration of the College has announced that final examinations will start Friday, May 1, and Class Day Exercises will be held on Saturday, May 16. By thus eliminating the entire month of May for intercollegiate athletics the plans for spring sports have had to be radically changed. The track team was scheduled to participate in five dual meets and the Eastern Intercollegiate this spring. Five of these competitions were listed during May. For this reason the Athletic Advisory Council has decided to drop intercollegiate track competition, at least for the present. However, students will be offered an opportunity to participate in track athletics as part of a physical fitness group. This group will meet for practice every afternoon, starting soon after the completion of the basketball and swimming seasons.

The varsity baseball team has six games scheduled for the month of April, a sufficient number to make it worth while to continue this sport. In addition, a Class Day game makes it possible to play seven games, weather permitting. Trinity is fortunate in re-scheduling the Yale game listed for May 7 and it will now be played on Class Day, May 16. The present plans for a varsity tennis team call for the playing of four matches during the last two weeks of April, providing the courts are playable.

Freshmen will train with the varsity squads in both baseball and tennis,

## Frosh Seek Third Court Win In Tilt With Westminster

### Blanchfield Is Star Performer in First Three Meets; Should Repeat Tomorrow

Next Saturday the freshman basketball team grapples with Westminster on the opponents' court. This will be the fourth contest to date of a fairly successful season, there being two victories and one defeat already on the record.

Worcester and Suffield both went down before Trinity in previous games, and only last Friday was the Blue and Gold defeated at the hands of Trinity Church team of New Haven.

The game started out with the frosh piling up a 10-2 first-quarter lead. But after this, the church club, paced by Williams, shot to a 23-15 half-time lead. The freshmen seemed to be bothered by their opponents' 3-2 zone defense, and by the smallness of the floor.

The church team, starting the third quarter, raised its total to 31 before the freshmen could score again. Thereafter the game was pretty even, but it was too late to do anything.

Williams with 17 points and Robinson with a great floor game starred for the parish "5." Turner led the freshmen, scoring 13 points.

In this last game it is reported that the college boys got off to a whirlwind start but failed to maintain their lead through undue carelessness.

#### Probable Lineup

The lineup will probably be the following: Brennan and Blanchfield, forwards; Kerder at center; Makel and Thompson, guards. Honeyset and Pierre both give promise of being able to give adequate substitute support.

Thus far, Blanchfield has shown himself to be outstanding in all three performances. It is no doubt true that Kerner also has real ability. Also worthy of mention are the two first-string guards, Makel and Thompson, who have shown first-rate effort and ability.

Coach Walter McCloud is interested in the progress shown by his team, but cautions that wolfing the ball and failing to pass and cut have seriously impeded the progress made so far this season.

but unless most of our opponents change their plans to enable Freshmen to compete on varsity teams, Trinity will hold to the present Freshman rule. Informal competition for first-year men may be arranged after the squads report.

Spring practice in both football and soccer will probably be offered so that students will have several choices in selecting activities. The purpose is to obtain regular attendance by as large a group of students as possible in a vigorous body-building program.

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## Weisenfluh Boosts Hopes of Racqueteers in Next Match

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Although the team is strengthened by the return of Weisenfluh, it has lost No. 4 man Hobbs since the last match. Total strength adds up the following line-up slated to defend Trinity: Weisenfluh, Siems, Cushman, Fisher, and Puffer.

Wesleyan, although it has been the only official opponent to date, is not the only aggregation met so far this season. Trinity came very close to winning against a combination team made up of the best players from the Aetna Life Insurance Company and the Hartford Golf Club.

Interesting by-notes to anyone following the team concern Puffer and Weisenfluh. The former has never before played squash and his natural ability and rapid improvement have placed him among the first five in very little time.

It is reported that during the Christmas vacation Weisenfluh met the present national intercollegiate champion in a New York tournament. The Princeton man is credited with winning the match by a close score, meeting stiff opposition from the Trinity No. 1 man.

## Class Learns to Tie Ingenious Dressings

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extraneous clothing and other wearing apparel should be removed from suspicious victims, regardless of gender, was well received by the audience.

As a fitting climax to a thoroughly enjoyable evening, a session of bandage-tying was enjoyed by all in every division. With a keynote of jocularity, the instructors demonstrated and allowed their eager classes to attempt several ingenious surgical dressings, such as those used in cases of fallen arch, collapsed digit, and decapitation. A favorite, the "flower sack," or "Ku Klux Klan" bandage was not shown at this time, but it is almost certain that this type will appear some time within the next nine busy weeks.

It is a fortunate thing that the privileged members of the Freshman Class and others, though required to follow this inimitable course, have disregarded mandate, and now flock to the weekly rendition in large and satisfied numbers; that a national emergency has not entirely obviated sources of popular entertainment.

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To the Editors:

I am enclosing check for \$1 because I cannot afford to be without the Tripod in a time like this. I cannot urge the boys to stay in college at this time when I left college twice to serve under the colors in two wars. I went to Mexico to get "Villa" but never found him. I did, however, catch up with the Kaiser and he is still serving time.

I am not urging you to follow in my footsteps, as the sober judgment of later years prompts me to suggest have patience, wait and go into this thing with full equipment as an officer later. This advice, however, does not apply to me because I have haunted Massachusetts State armories the last two weeks and the way this ghost works, I feel reasonably sure of getting back again.

Mat Crehore, '17.

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To the Editor of the Tripod:

You may be possibly interested to know that I was awarded a research grant of \$500 by the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, Pa. The general problem to be investigated is, "the factors of the external environment which modify the sexual cycles of vertebrates (principally birds)."

This problem is a continuation of work begun at Trinity by Prof. T. H. Bissonnette some 13 years ago, and work which since that time has been steadily carried on by him. For this work Professor Bissonnette has been the holder of many grants from several societies. His work has attracted international attention, and laboratories throughout the world have since started studies on this problem. My own work in the last five years has been in cooperation with that of Professor Bissonnette, and has dealt with phases of the general problem not previously treated, especially on the birds, turtle and fish.

J. W. Burger.

## Whitsitt Foresees Religion In International Settlement

### Ten Broadcasts Complete First Half of Forum's Program; Glee Club Soon

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with a plea for religion in national life and relations. Mr. Whitsitt compared the unfortified boundary between the United States and Canada with the general distrust shown in other international relationships.

This was the tenth broadcast of the current series and brought the programs to the half-way mark. All but two programs have originated on campus, but with the single exception of the Wesleyan football rally the attendance has been slight. Of course some programs came at inconvenient times, but on the whole the students haven't been as interested in attending the broadcasts as the work put into them warrants.

There will be no Trinity College program on this Friday, as a network presentation will be on the air at that time. However, next Friday, February 13, the Glee Club will present a concert from the Auditorium. Other programs in the coming month will include the Jesters, another forum, and possibly a debate.

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